(a) whether any assessment is being made to find out impact of the festival of India in USA and France;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to hold such festivals in other countries also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) Assessment of the overall impact of the two festivals, which are still continuing, has yet to be undertaken. However individual festival events are continually being assessed, especially from the point of view of their impact on the media, which has been highly favourable.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Delay in Air India Flight to Frankfurt

1743. SHRI L. GANESAN ?:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 20th January, 1986 the caption "Naval Officer delays flight";

(b) whether any enquiry has been ordered into the delay of the flight to Frankfurt (AI55) causing inconvinience to other passengers;

(c) if so, what are the finding thereof; and

(d) what steps are being proposed by Government to avoid such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Reconstitution of board for selection of Air Hostesses

1744. SHRI L. GANESAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India and Indian Airlines have recently reconstituted their selection board to select air hostesses ;

(b) if so, what are the names of the members of the selection committee alongwith their educational qualifications and other in this regard ;

(c) whether the board has met after its reconstitution; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand the Board by inducting professionals into it, if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Indian Airlines are considering associating some outsiders to improve the system of selection.

Preservation of Monuments in Delhi

1745. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are number of protected monuments in Delhi, if so, what are their names ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the vested interests have encroached upon land belonging to many of these monuments, if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures being taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that foundations of Qutab Minar Red

Fort and Humayun Tomb have been affected in any manner by natural factors or by man-made factors like pollution and colonisation, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the steps being taken by Government to ensure the safety of the protected monuments, particularly Qutab Minar in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir. A list of Centrally protected monuments in Delhi is attached [*See* Appendix CXXXVII, Annexure No. 24].

(b) There are cases of encroachments of the monuments. A statement giving the details thereof and remedial steps taken by the Archaeological Survey of India is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXXXVII, Annexure No. 25].

(c) No, Sir. The foundation of Qutab Minar, Red Fort and Humayun, Tomb are not affected by natural or man-made factors:

(d) The following are the steps taken to ensure the safety of the monuments :

(1) Experienced and trained Conservation staff have been posted at these monuments to carry out regular repairs and maintenance.

(2) Regular watch and ward staff have been posted to keep constant vigil.

(3) A Security Officer attached to Delhi Circle oversees the security of the monuments.

(4) Installation of air monitors to measure the level of pollutants in the ambient air and periodical chemical cleaning of the affected areas

(5) Development of the environment and the lawns in the monument complexes.

Particulary for Qutab Minar the following action has been taken :

(i) Stationing of a Senior Conservation Assistant assisted by Conservation Foreman and Care Taker at Qutab. The above staff is supported by watch and ward and Monument Attendants posted at vantage points.

(ii) Regular inspection from the level of Director General and Director (Conservation) from Headquarter Office and the Circle Officers.

(iii) Regular repairs to all the monuments in the Qutab complex.

(iv) Provision of security lights at vantage points outside Qutab complex.

Railway Time-table

1746. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a new time table of passenger trains for the Broad Gauge system was designed in July 1984 and was commended by the then Railway Board Chairman in writing ;

(b) whether the same was ordered for implementation by him as a pilot Project on Western Railway's Bombay-Ahmedabad section and it has not been pursued further ; and

(c) if so, whether the new time table as designed at that time is proposed to be introduced from April, 1986 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) New Time-Tables are introduced in April and October every year. In 1984-85, a proposal to run trains in a corridor system, one following the other, was examined in particular reference